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Letter dated 15 December 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Special Committee

Since its inception, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples has played a lead role in advancing the cause of decolonization and concurrently contributed to the emancipation of peoples under foreign occupation and colonial domination. The Republic of Uganda attaches great importance to the work of the Special Committee and is strongly attached to the full implementation of its mandate. It is in this spirit that it has participated actively as an observer at many of the Special Committee's meetings.

The date 14 December 2016 marked the fifty-sixth anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1514 (XV) on the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. Much has been achieved since the resolution was adopted in 1960, but the realization of its noble objective of freeing humanity from the shameful bondage of colonialism has yet to be completed.

Willing to serve this common objective and to fully contribute to the advancement of its mandate, the Republic of Uganda wishes to become a full member of the Special Committee.

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